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U. S. BREAKS WITH GERMANY

ONLY COURSE OPEN TO U. S. SAYS WILSON

President Reviews Whole Situation of Germany and America Before Joint Congressional Session.

CALLS ALL NEUTRALS TO TAKE THE SAME ACTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President Wilson addressed the joint session of congress. He first reviewed the whole situation and read portions of the German-American diplomatic correspondence following the Sussex torpedoing. He announced that all diplomatic relations had been severed on account of the new submarine order. He charged that Germany "deliberately withdrew her solemn assurance given in the imperial government's note of May, 1916."

He said: "This government has no alternative consistent with United States dignity and honor but to follow the course which it declared in April, 1916, would be followed unless Germany effected the abandonment of her submarining methods." He said he couldn't make himself believe that Germany intended to abandon the ancient friendship, break her solemn obligations and kill American citizens on the seas. He asked all neutrals to follow America's course.

The president said: "If American ships, and lives shall be sacrificed, I shall take the liberty of coming before congress again to ask for authority to use any means necessary for the protection of our seamen. I can do nothing less."

It is believed he meant he would sanction a declaration of war. There was tremendous cheering on both sides of the chamber, the galleries followed. Secret service men surrounded the president. The supreme court justices heard the speech. The diplomatic and executive galleries were jammed. The situation is very tense.

Wilson went directly to a conference with War Secretary Baker and Navy Secretary Daniels. The state, war and navy building is closed to all visitors. Spain handles American diplomatic business with Germany. The Kaiser is expected to give Americans fifteen days to leave Germany.

The president arrived at the southeast capitol door three minutes early. The crowds cheered. Wilson was solemn. Every face was grave. Thunderous cheers, handclapping and waving of handkerchiefs greeted the announcement that diplomatic relations were already severed. Thenceforth every emphasized statement was applauded.

His voice seemed strained when he made the war threat there was a moment's dead silence. Then there broke a storm of cheers on all sides. It was the day's biggest tumult. Some believed the president is calling upon the neutrals in a spectacular effort to bring the neutral world's pressure against Germany in the hope of influencing the Kaiser against enforcing the submarine threat. Others believed the tremendous move would hasten peace.

LATE WIRE BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—It has been definitely learned that every wireless station is virtually under government control. This includes Sayville, Tuckerton and all other great German stations.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 3.—The naval academy is closed to all visitors.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The navy department has issued instructions to all government navy yard commanders to close their gates against visitors.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Two ships are officially reported submarined. The Dutch steamer Gamma and the British steamer Essonite. Ten sailors were drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—The destroyers Whipple and Jones went seaward this morning. They said their purpose was patrolling outside the Golden Gate.

NORFOLK, Feb. 3.—United States officials have seized the interned German Prize Appam. A dozen representatives of the navy and customs department boarded the steamer. The revenue cutter trained guns on the Appam.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 3.—Censored—News was flashed to General Pershing. The army camps were electrified. It is officially declared that preparatory orders have already been issued.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The stock market boomed. The unexpected turn caught German houses, who were selling short on anticipation of a severe break. Wall street is flag decked. There is a whirlwind patriotic enthusiasm.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Neutrality agents reported the cylinder heads of the Austrian freighter Himalay had been removed and the engines smashed. Collector Malone refused to discuss the cause.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—It is stated German depositors in the local banks are withdrawing their accounts. The bankers refused to admit the withdrawals were noticeable. They said the Germans closed their accounts fearing a war declaration.

HOBOKEN, Feb. 3.—It is definitely learned the German steamer George Washington, here since the war's beginning, is so damaged now as to be practically useless. Collector Malone visited Hoboken and left special instructions with Roudsman Miles, commanding the neutrality squad.

SEATTLE, Feb. 3.—It is announced the United States cruiser Pittsburgh leaves the Bremerton navy yards this afternoon enroute to San Francisco.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 3.—John Schwab, state president of the German-American alliance said: "We are all American citizens. We cannot do otherwise than stand by the president. It is our duty. Every German-American is an American citizen. I'm for America."

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Special guards have been established at bridges and city aqueducts.

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GERMAN CHANCELLOR WHO IS DIRECTING WAR MOVES



CHANCELLOR VON BETHMANN-HOLLEWEG.

BREAKS WITH GERMANY—President Wilson causes American Government to Sever Relations With Germans Because of Submarine Policy.



FOUR PLANS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION IN EVENT OF GERMAN WAR WORKED OUT BY STAFF

Involve Using Regular Army and Militia as Nucleus for Training Force of 2,000,000 Men Yearly.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY LAW

Would Call Out First Three Classes Under it and Put all American Factories to Work Furnishing Supplies and Munitions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—It is learned the army and general staff have worked out four plans of immediate action in event of a German war. They involve using the regular army and militia as a nucleus for training an army of two million men yearly, sending no troops to Europe during the first year, obtaining the immediate passage of a universal military service law, calling out first the three classes under it and putting all American factories to work furnishing supplies and munitions for two million American soldiers.

Army men say it would be futile to send an army to Europe now. Russia lost eighty thousand soldiers the first ten months, over the total strength of the United States army. The general staff plans provide for a hundred army divisions of twenty thousand each. Fifty thousand officers are needed. Six thousand are now available. Youths reaching the ages of eighteen, nineteen, twenty during the first year will be called to the colors.

WHEAT WENT DOWN THEN CAME BACK

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Special to the East Oregonian.—Range of prices today: Open High Low Close May \$1.61 1/2 1.68 1/2 1.54 1/2 1.68 1/2 July \$1.46 1/2 1.48 1/2 1.40 1/2 1.48

Portland, Ore., Feb. 3.—(Special).—Club, \$1.48; bluestem, \$1.50.

Basketball Games at P. H. S. At the high school last night the P. H. S. freshman boys won from the Weston high school boys' team, 36 to 17, and the Weston girls' second team was defeated by the P. H. S. girls' second team, 27 to 4.

ROBERT LANSING



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BERNSTORFF IS HANDED PASSPORTS

Gerard Called Home; President Informs Congress of Definite Decision; Actual War Declaration Rests With Germany; America Rushes Preparations; Will Break With Other Central Allies if They Wage Unrestricted Submarining.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Bernstorff was handed his passports at one fifty seven, p. m.

Bernstorff announced the Swiss minister would handle the German embassy business. All United States naval yards and the Annapolis academy and forts were closed. The government has seized all German wireless stations. It seized the interned German prize Appam. It reported several interned German vessels engines were smashed beyond repair.

The state department instructed Gerard to bring all American consuls home and get American citizens out of Germany if they want to depart.

(Robert P. Bender.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President Wilson has definitely determined to break off diplomatic relations with Germany. He called Secretary Lansing to the White House this morning, and announced his decision. The president will address the joint session of congress this afternoon and announce the break. Ambassador Gerard has been ordered home. Count Von Bernstorff will be given his passports immediately. Friendly relations between the United States and Germany have been definitely ended. The actual war declaration depends on Germany. It is learned the United States has been rushing preparations for several weeks. Wilson decided to break yesterday morning but delayed his announcement pending the final settlement of all details. Wilson will break with the other central allies if they wage unrestricted submarining. The news of Wilson's action aroused the greatest consternation at the capitol.

The navy department issued orders to bar outsiders from all stations. The League Island navy yard has been placed on a war basis. The American liner St. Louis, scheduled to sail to Liverpool from New York today, cancelled its sailing.



BERNSTORFF'S PASSAGE MATTER OF DIFFICULTY. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—It is not known how Bernstorff will get home. Diplomats said the United States was not under obligations to see the dismissed ambassador safely home. No German boats are sailing from the United States. If Bernstorff boarded a British liner, he probably would be surrendered to the first British cruiser sighted.

There are no means of transportation between British ports and Germany. Since Italy entered the war it is impossible to reach Germany through Trieste. Bernstorff might go to Cuba and South America.

AMERICANS AMONG GERMAN RAIDER PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The state department has learned positively that Americans were among the German raider's prisoners. It is announced the department protested against their detention several days ago.

CARGO WAITING DEUTSCHLAND IS BURNING.

NEW LONDON, Feb. 3.—A cargo stored here, awaiting the submarine Deutschland, is burning. The fire started immediately after the diplomatic break was reported.

HOME DEFENSE LEAGUE REPORTS FOR DUTY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Twenty thousand members of the home defense league are reporting for duty. Police reserve squads held all the precinct stations awaiting emergency calls.